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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
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Nicholas Nicolaides et al. )  
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Serial No. T/B/A )  
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Filed: April 25, 2000 ) Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.00004

For: **METHOD FOR GENERATING HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS**

Divisional Application based on Serial No. 09/059,461, filed April 14, 1998

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the continuation application which is  
filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3 insert:

--This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/059,461, filed April 14, 1998, allowed.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please delete claims 1-12, 15-17, 21-28, 30-51, and 54-57.